REMARKS

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action indicates that claims 5 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in

independent form. Accordingly, Applicant(s) have rewritten claims 5 and 8 in independent

form. Therefore, claims 5 and 8 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly

traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests

that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is

believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt

and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this

application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (314) 726-7500

Respectfully submitted,

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